(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total amount allocated for this scheme for the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b). During the 8th Five Year Plan (1992-93 to 1996-97) the Ministry of Welfare propose to initiate new schemes in consultation with the Planning Commission and Ministry of Finance.

(c). The question does not arise.

Hostel for SCs/STs in Bihar

2826. SHRI MAHENDRA BAITHA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of hostels constructed for the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes in Bihar during last three years, district-wise;

(b) the number of hostels under constructions or proposed to be constructed; and

(c) the extent of financial assistance provided by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Three hostels for SCs/STs have been constructed during last three years one each in Districts of Palamau, Ranchi and Sahabganj of Bihar.

(b) 22 Girls' hostels and 47 Boys' hostels are under construction.

(c) Rs. 1,47,10,300/- under Girls' hostel Scheme and Rs. 1,41,15,000/- under Boys' hostel Scheme have been provided to the State Government during the last three years.

Scheme to Rehabilitate Displaced Persons

2827. SHRI AVTAR SINGH BHADANA:
SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have chalked out any scheme to rehabilitate the families displaced due to the activities of terrorists and militants in Punjab and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). It is hoped that the migrants from Kashmir and Punjab would be able to return to their original places of residence with the improvement of the situation. Their rehabilitation outside is not contemplated. The State Governments concerned however extend them relief assistance to take care of their immediate needs.

[*English*]

LTTE Activities

2828. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the presence of any LTTE training camp in Tamil Nadu has come to the notice of the Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Proposal to Improve the Quality of Doordarshan and Akashvani programmes

2829. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

the details of the steps Government propose to take to improve the quality of the Doordarshan and Akashvani Programmes?

THE DEPUTY MIINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): All India Radio and Doordarshan are constantly striving to bring about a qualitative improvement in their programme format so as to sustain the interests of their listeners/ viewers. Some recent changes are the revised format of the news broadcast by All India Radio at 8.00/8.13 AM and the experimental telecast of the recordings of question hour in the two Houses.

[*Translation*]

Branch Post Offices in Rewa, Madhya Pradesh

2830. SHRI BHEEM SINGH PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new branch post offices, proposed to be set up in Rewa District of Madhya Pradesh during the current year;

(b) if so, when these will be set up and the names of proposed locations;

(c) whether it is proposed to connect the branch post office through telephones; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). 16 proposals for opening of extra departmental branch post offices at the following places in Rewa district during the current year 1991-92 have been approved: 1) Sadhahna, 2) Basahath, 3) Matima, 4) Dodo, 5) Madri, 6) Dubhaikhurd, 7) Pathat, 8) Reruva, 9) Garha 137, 10) Chambagarh, 11) Deokhar, 12) Bansa, 13) Leda, 14) Teghra, 15) Bahuti, 16) Dhangan. Sanctions have been issued for opening Post Offices at places mentioned from Serial 1 to 7 and the sanction in the remaining cases are under issue.

(c) and (d). Department of Telecommunications has planned to provide telephone facilities in all panchayat villages progressively by the year 1995. The telephones to be provided under this scheme will be installed at post offices, grocer's shops or any other suitable locations accessible to public.

Buildings for Post Offices in Uttar Pradesh

2831. SHRI GAYA PRASAD KORI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether General Post Offices are functioning in small houses in Various villages of Uttar Pradesh, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government propose to construct buildings for these post offices; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI